

Appl. No. 09/857,233
Amdt. dated January 21, 2005 January 20, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 21, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

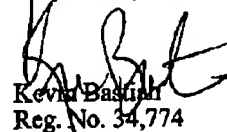
Claims 26-37 are pending in the present application. Claims 26-29 were examined in the outstanding Office Action and claims 29-37 were withdrawn from consideration. However, in the response to the Restriction Requirement applicants elected Group XIX, claims 26 and 35-37, for prosecution in the present application (Response mailed August 2, 2004) Thus, applicants respectfully request that a new non-final office action be issued in the present case.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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